

OneCert International Certification Procedure

Certification at OneCert: Certification process is a multi step process which starts with submitting the application to OneCert. During this process OneCert verify that the applicants operations are in compliance as per applicable standards. Process given below for developing basic understanding only, cannot be used as standard reference. For the standard reference please refer to applicable standards.

This Certification Process is divided into 5 Steps:

STEP 1:- Registration & Application

For obtaining Organic Certification the first step is send request to OneCert International who in turn will provide you with an application packet. The packet contains the Application form, Agreement, Organic System plan, Field history sheet (for Crop- Ind., Grower Group, Wild harvest), Farm Product & Inventory list, Organic Product Profile and Grower Group Questionnaire (for Crop Production Grower Group) etc. In Organic System Plan information about Record keeping, Production detail, detail of Input Use (for fertility, pest and disease management), Preventive measures, and the methods used for prevention of contamination and commingling are required. While submitting the Organic system plan one must attach the Facility Map, Soil and Water test, Product label presently in use or to be used in future.

STEP 2:- Application Review

Once your complete application is received, we will review the same on the basis of applicable standards. If any incomplete information/non-compliance if found on any additional information is needed, we will contact you. Once required information is gathered or non compliance is over, an onsite audit is planned on a mutually agreed date and time. This reviewing of application usually takes about a couple of days based on the information provided by applicant.

STEP 3:- On-site Inspection

On the prescribed date a trained Organic Inspector, familiar with your type of operation will reach your facility. The Inspector will thoroughly examine each method Production and documents of your operation and facility for the verification of your plan in an accurate description of Organic standard compliance. During an exit interview he will summarize his findings and asks for any additional information, if required. Inspection normally takes half a day to 3 days depending upon the complexity of operations.

STEP 4:- Secondary Review

After submission of the inspector's report, it is reviewed to evaluate compliance with the applicable standards. During the Secondary Review if more information is required we will contact you. After the receipt of report from the inspector, the Secondary Review generally takes 2-4 days.

STEP 5:- Certification Decision

After completion of the Secondary Review, the file is sent for the final decision. After receiving the final decision, you will receive your Organic Certificate along with a covering letter containing the conditions for awarding certificate. The Organic Certificate contains name of your company, address, category of certification and list of certified Organic product. The entire Certification Process may take about 4-16 weeks depending upon documents and co-operation provided.